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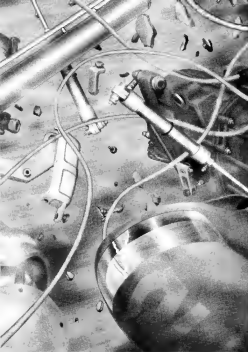
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 SCHOOL OF DISTANCE  
 EDUCATION  
 SCHOOL OF DESIGN  
 SCHOOL OF TRADE  
 POLYTECHNIC  
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 AND MECHANICAL  
 ENGINEERING

**RACE 1:  
THE OPEN PATHWAY**





**RACE 1:**  
**THE OPEN PATHWAY**



GET THE  
RESULTS  
FAST  
FROM  
THE  
PHYSICAL

NOTHING  
OUT OF  
THE  
ORDINARY  
BUT STILL  
BIT  
AS A  
PICKUP





YOU  
CAN'T  
HAVE  
FORGOTTEN  
TEN  
DEN..



.....



"THE  
WAY HE  
MOVED  
DURING  
HIS TRY-  
OUTS"



YES..

THOUGHT  
TO FIND  
A  
PRODIGY



BUT HE  
DOESN'T  
HAVE THE  
BUTTER  
THE BRILL  
TO WIN



I HEAR MY  
TAKES A TELL  
OF IRON TO  
MAKE IT ON  
THE PRO  
CIRCUIT

IT'S A CUTTHROAT  
WORLD. MILLIONS  
OF CHIPS PASSING  
HANDS. YOUR NET  
WORTH DETER-  
MINED BY THE  
NEWSPAPER IN  
THE MONITOR  
SEATS. BUT  
WILL OR NO--



--THAT  
MY  
GOLD  
STILL  
HAVE A  
FUTURE?



SO WHAT  
IF HE'S  
CRASHED  
A FEW  
DOZEN  
TURNS?



SO WHAT  
IF

MY REP  
AS TEAM  
MANAGER  
IS ON  
THE LINE?



CAN'T  
YOU TALK  
TO THE  
OWNERS?

HE  
HASN'T  
FINISHED  
ONE  
ANDE

GUSHER



JUST SEE  
IT THROUGH.  
THAT'S ALL  
IN AGAIN? A  
WORLDWIDE  
WHO DOESN'T  
HAVE TO RELY  
ON POWER  
OR WEIGHT--  
JUST  
TALENT  
WISDOM?



ONCE  
I  
WOULD  
HAVE...

BUT  
YOU  
WILL  
LATE  
A SPOT  
ANYONE--  
THE  
AUDIENCE  
COMES  
FOR THE  
VIOLENCE?

















JUST  
A SURPRISE.

HEARD  
SUCH A  
MACHO  
LINE FROM  
YOU?

DON'T  
WORRY  
THE BOY  
WAS NEXT  
DOOR.



SEE  
YOU?

HEAR  
MAMMA?



COME  
TO  
THINK  
OF IT.

YOU'RE  
A MOTOR-  
BALLER  
AREN'T YOU?

WELL, YOU'D  
BE A BETTER  
SCOWLER  
THAN SOME  
TOUGH PUNK.



SEE?



YOU KNOW  
YOUR TEAM  
MANAGER  
WAS A  
RECENT  
CLIENT OF  
MINE.

A BIT  
MORE  
NERVOUS  
THAN I  
EXPECTED.



ONE OF  
THESE  
DOES  
ITD LIKE  
TO SEE  
YOUR  
FACE.





I  
CAN'T  
RESIST  
HIM

HE  
TAKES  
ME TO  
ANOTHER  
WORLD.

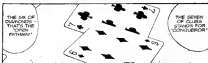


IT  
BECOMES  
PURE  
PLEASURE

TO  
HAVE MY  
BODY  
SCRAM  
APART  
SCATTER







AND  
THIS TIME  
YOU'RE  
GONNA GO TO  
HELL!

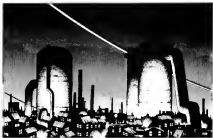


YOU WERE  
~~SORRY~~ TO  
VICTORY.

YOU'RE  
JUST  
FORGOTTEN  
IT- THAT'S  
ALL.











MY BEAMS  
SO FUZZY THE  
LOST ALL  
MEMORY OF  
MY FIRST BIG  
PAGE.

HAS  
IT JUST  
ONE THE  
OTHERS



ASKEE YES  
FOUR DEBUT  
AT ALONE  
CIRCUIT,  
ONE LONG  
MONTHS  
AND

SHOULD  
BEEN A  
FOUR TWO  
RIGHT.



# WHEOOOM



YOU KNOW, IT  
WAS DIFFERENT  
SOMEHOW. THEY  
HIGH-CLASS FOR  
A THIRD LEAGUE  
MATCH.

BUT THEN  
THE BALL-  
KEEPER IN  
THE LEAD  
STARTED  
HIS  
SECOND  
LAP.



IT WAS  
THAT  
WHEN

A  
PERSON  
CUT ON  
THE  
TRACK



YEAH

NO ONE  
KNEW  
WHO HE  
WAS

WE'VE  
GONE TO  
CALL HIM  
THE  
"MARATHON  
MAN"



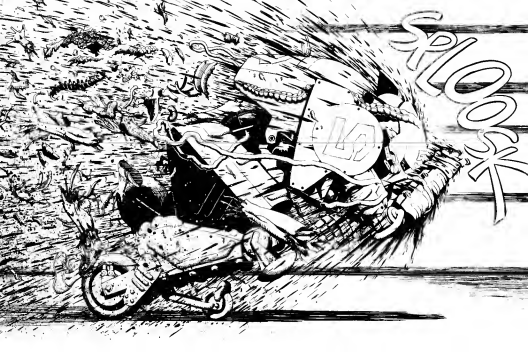
HE WAS  
LAUGHING...



THE  
BIG HURRY  
GRIN ON  
HIS FACE!  
WELL YOU  
GUYS WOULD  
BEHAVE AT  
LEAST 300  
MILLIMETERS  
AN HOUR!



AND  
SHED  
YOU -



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# RAGE 2: SELF-DESTRUCT



WHERE AM I?



WHO AM I?



AMPOOM

AMPOOM

WHY AM I HERE?



I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND...





WHO IS THAT?



WHO IS THAT... SCREAMING!?





**RUN! LET YOUR SPASTIC  
EYES FILL WITH FEAR!**

**FEED! TASTE THE CHAOS OF BREAKING  
BONES AND GRINDING METAL!**





I-I REMEMBER...



I REMEMBER NOW...

















BERETTA









SOME  
KIND  
PSYCHO  
PERVERT



JARREN  
TRIED TO  
SAVE HAT  
BUT HIS  
BLOCK  
KNOCKED  
OFF AND  
DIED  
FOR HIS  
TROUBLE

NOT A  
SOUL WHO  
SAW THE  
KILLER'S FACE  
LIVES TO  
TELL THE  
TALE



HEY  
DONT  
THAT A  
MOTON-  
MALL  
TIGET

WENT  
SEE  
FITTING  
ARMOR  
FOR MY  
STORY

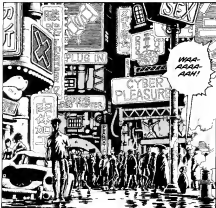


I KNOW  
A GOOD  
SCALPER  
HE'S HERE  
AGEE





SOMEONE IS CRYING...









THIS THIS IS A FRIGHTENING PLACE...



I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT





MUST..NOT..LET THE ANGER..OUT

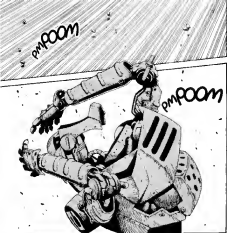




MUST NOT.. ANGER.. NO!



KRAK



IF I DONT CONTROL IT, ILL BE KILLED !





**GWAAGH!**

**HAHA  
HAHA!**



**THIS IS THE ONLY THING I CAN DO**

SELF  
DESTRUCT  
!







LISTEN TO THE  
CROWD!  
CHEER!



FOR  
*ONE*  
MOMENT—  
THIS IS THE  
TRUTH—NO  
DOUBTS!



YOU WERE  
*BORN*  
FOR THIS  
PURPOSE  
AND THIS  
PURPOSE  
ALONE!



DEATH!





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**RACE 3:**  
**PAIN AND ANGER**















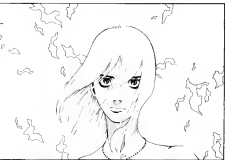


ARE  
YOU  
SURE?



SOME  
TOWN  
WE  
LIVE  
IN.

NO ONE  
GIVES A  
SHIT IF  
A PROCT-  
TUTE GETS  
KILLED













SKLUNSH



WHAT'S  
THE  
MATTER?

HEY,  
RELAX

SHHHH



YOU'RE  
A  
MESS



YOU'RE  
THAT  
GIRL  
FROM  
BEFORE



LET'S  
GO  
SOMEPHASE  
WHERE  
WE  
CAN  
TALK



MY FRIEND  
IS LOBBING

MAGNETS,  
DOG TAGS, ETC.

MAGNETS, DOG TAGS, ETC.



BERETTA  
AND I  
WERE IN  
THE SAME  
LINE OF  
WORK

BUT MORE  
THAN THAT -  
SHE WAS MY  
ONLY  
FRIEND



ACROSS  
ABOUT  
THIS  
AFTERNOON

THE TRUTH  
IS, BEFORE  
SHE CAME  
BERETTA  
ASKED ME TO  
DO SOMETHING  
FOR HER AND I  
WAS LOOKING  
FOR YOU



I WAS  
LOOKING  
FOR YOU

YOU'RE LIKE  
HERB, AREN'T  
YOU? JUST GO  
THROUGH LIKE  
KEEPSHAW. YOUR  
WOUNDS INSIDE

THAT'S  
WHY  
DEPETTA  
LIKES  
YOU SO  
MUCH











CAN  
INTERLUPT



THIS MIGHT  
HAVE SOMETHING TO DO  
WITH YOUR  
STORY.

THE  
MANAGER  
SEEMED  
WANTED ME  
TO GIVE YOU  
WAS BEST OF  
STEWARDS.



SHE SAID IF  
ANYTHING  
SHOULD HAPPEN  
TO ME, GIVE  
INER TO THE  
RENTAL  
LOOKERS AT  
WE BLOCK.

WEND  
PLAN



YOU KNOW  
YOUR TEAM  
MANAGER WAS  
A RECENT  
CLIENT OF  
MINE.



IS SO  
DEFINITION

HAD THE  
OUTCAST



BEASTTA  
TOLD  
ME THE  
NUMBER.

ROGER  
COULDN'T  
FORGET  
IT.



THE  
TWO  
IN  
IT.



IT'S  
ALL  
OVER.









FREE YOUR PAIN...



BRING IT OUT...



**TAKE ACTION!**

**YAAAGH!**

**WHOM**



**LET OUT YOUR ANGER...**



RELEASE IT!

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## *Ashen Victor*





**RACE 4:**  
**ASHES TO ASHES**

JUNE 23--FRASER CIRCUT  
THE SITE OF WHAT IS TO BECOME  
"CRASH KING" SNEVS FINAL RACE





HEY  
OLD  
MAN...



IT'S  
ALMOST  
2000  
YEARS  
WORTH  
THE  
BEST  
OF  
THE  
CREW

WTF??



I'M  
TRAD  
TEAM  
OFFICER  
IS  
NOT  
MORE



THE  
OWNER--  
DR. KORA--  
AND HIS  
ASSISTANTS  
ALL  
TOOK  
OFF



WTF??

YOU  
WANT  
TO  
TURN  
IN  
AN  
ARRESTED  
FORM  
FOR  
YOU  
PROBABLY  
DON'T  
GIVE  
AND  
FOR  
THIS  
PAGE



FORGET  
IT!



JUST HIT  
ME WITH  
THAT  
OLD MAN

OHAY



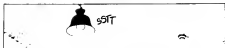
AAAAH

IM NO  
GUTTER!  
THE HORRORS  
GOTTA KNOW  
WHOS NUMBER  
ONE--AND WHOS  
NOTHIN' BUT  
POB GROUP



YOU'RE  
TRYING  
TO  
KILL  
ME

YEAH







DAWN SA  
MAYBE  
AND

DR. KOSHA  
CAME TO ME  
WITH A PLAN TO  
MAKE SOME  
CHIPS...



THE FERRIS  
CORPORATION  
HAD TWO NEW  
DRUGS THEY  
NEEDED TO  
TEST FOR  
SECRET  
DRUGS...



"ACORN"  
AND  
"MORAY"  
I FOLLOW...



WE DROPPED  
DOLABURON  
WITH THE  
DRUG THAT  
ACCELERATED  
THE NERVOUS  
SYSTEM -  
ACORN...



AND ACORN  
THE ONE THAT  
IN THE PROPER  
CONCENTRATION -  
CAN MAKE THE  
NERVOUS SYSTEM  
SHUT DOWN...  
WE GAVE THAT  
TO SHEN











MAHATMAH  
THAN...

O-CAN'T  
BE!  
YOU'RE A  
HALLUCINATION  
CAUSED  
BY  
ADAM!



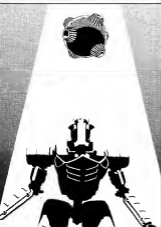
HAVEN'T  
YOU GOT  
IT YET?

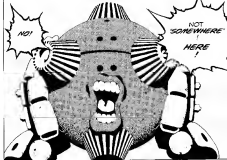
I AM  
YOU!



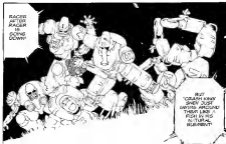
DID YOU  
REALLY  
THINK YOU  
COULD  
ESCAPE...

FROM  
THE HELL  
THAT IS  
YOUR  
SELF??





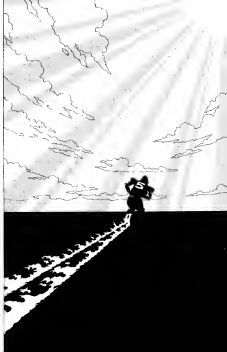














# SHINEO







THE 'ADAM SCANDAL' TO FOLLOW WAS A MAJOR, THOUGH NOT FATAL, BLOW TO THE MEGAL CORPORATION. IT WASN'T UNTIL MEGAL DEVELOPED 'BRAINEZ,' A NARCOTIC THAT CAUSED NUMEROUS BRAIN DEATHS IN THE SCRAPPED, THAT THE COMPANY WENT UNDER. ITS FORMER OWNERS ARE NOW ON THE FACTORY'S BOUNTY LIST.



BOLOABUNOV SIGNED ON WITH A NEW TEAM AFTER TEAM SPANDRU DISSOLVED. UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT DUE TO OVERUSE OF ACCEL, HE HELD A RECORD 306 VICTORIES OUT OF 300 RACES.



NO ONE KNOWS WHAT BECAME OF SNEY AFTER THIS HIS LAST RACE.

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*The End*

